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Utah warming up — slowly

Dan Griffiths, Provo, fishes the Provo River for brown trout and is enjoying more reasonable temperatures as Utah slowly warms up. A weakening storm should move through northern Utah tonight, possibly delivering

mountain snow and flurries in a few other areas. Salt Lake City should have lows in the teens and highs close to 30. Logan, where the low Thursday night was minus 7, should warm up to the teens. Weather map on C8.

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